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Besides the fifteen hundred Marines already mentioned, the United States is sending twelve bombing planes and fighting planes to China, comprising an entire naval aviation squadron.



Hostile to foreigners, a big crowd of demonstrators approaching the Settlement at Shanghai, just outside Mackham Road bridge (in right foreground).

## MORE MARINES.

America Now Taking No Chances.

Washington, March 28. The Navy Department announces that in view of the threatening position at Shanghai, Admiral Williams is concentrating there all the ships which can be spared from other points.

Developments in China during the week-end have in nowise lessened the anxiety of officials here. The mobilisation of additional marine units is proceeding speedily.

The 1,500 Marines who were ordered to China on Saturday are now being mobilised at Philadelphia, Santonio and elsewhere.

They will probably sail next week from San Diego in the transport "Henderson," which is hastening to San Diego from Nicaragua.

This composite force, which will be known as the Sixth Regiment of Marines, will be commanded by Colonel Harold Snyder, who has a distinguished record in the Philippines and France.

Attached to the force will be an entire naval aviation squadron of twelve bombing planes and fighting planes.—Reuter's American Service.

## CRIMINAL ASSAULT.

Attacks on American Women.

Peking, March 28. An official message from Nanking says that examination of the depositions and statements of reliable American witnesses proves that among the serious outrages committed by the Nationalist soldiers were at least two cases of attempted criminal assault against American women and several other cases only a shade less serious.

Closing of Consulates. Mr. Kellogg, the Secretary of State, has authorised the Legation to instruct the closing of the Consulates at Changsha and Chungking and the withdrawal of the gunboats therefrom as soon as an opportunity has been given for the remaining Americans to withdraw.

## PRESERVING ORDER.

Chiang To Visit American Admiral.

The following wireless messages have been received by the local naval authorities:

The situation at Shanghai is quiet.

Admiral Li visited Admiral Williams, on the U.S.S. flagship "Pittsburg" yesterday and informed him that General Chiang Kai-shek wished to call to-day (Tuesday) and discuss arrangements for the preservation of order in Shanghai and districts.

An interview was granted for 10 a.m. It is to be attended with no ceremony and no return visit will

be made.

The Commission for Foreign Affairs has left for Shanghai.

The river at Hankow is rising, the lowest depth below Hankow being 20.8 feet.

All is quiet at Ningpo.

## TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar, on demand, to-day was 1/11 13/16

## MORE RIOTS.

Ugly Developments In Singapore.

## TROOPS PATROL STREETS.

Singapore, March 28. There have been serious developments in connection with the police shootings mentioned on March 18.

There have been ugly clashes between the mob and police. Consequently troops with rifles and Lewis guns are patrolling the streets to-night.—Reuter.

A Singapore cable dated March 13 stated:—The police fired twice, killing six Chinese and injuring eleven, when crowds got out of hand arising out of the excitement attending a demonstration to celebrate the anniversary of the death of Dr. Sun Yat-sen. A large party of night scholars, who marched in procession, blocked the traffic. A European police inspector and two constables trying to clear the congestion were assaulted and compelled to use their truncheons. The mob later attempted to rush a police station and an inspector was severely wounded in the head, whereupon the police fired.

## COMRADE BORODIN.

Gone to Shanghai or Kiukiang?

## THE NATIONALIST "SPLIT."

Of more interest, perhaps, than M. Borodin's reported departure from Hankow down river—either for Shanghai or Kiukiang—is the announcement emanating from Chinese sources in Canton that



M. Borodin, High Adviser to the Kuomintang.

General Tang Seng-chi has declared his allegiance to General Chiang Kai-shek.

General Tang commands the 8th Nationalist Army and is the "strong man" in Hupeh and Hunan provinces.

Reports current a week ago that he had thrown in his lot with a clique of politicians hostile to General Chiang Kai-shek appeared to be borne out by the appearance of his name in the newly elected councils, said to be the result of a move by Mr. George Hsu Chien (Minister of Justice) who is believed to be working closely with Borodin.

"Keeping in Touch."

Messages received from Canton late last night were to the effect that Borodin and Hsu Chien had suddenly left Hankow. Their destination is supposed to be Shanghai, with the object of keeping in the closest touch with the "mass movement agitation" in the native city and environs of Shanghai. On the other hand, some say that Borodin and Hsu are bound for Kliukang (in Kiangsi province, and till a few days ago the base of Chiang Kai-shek) where they will attempt to extend their influence. However, it is definitely established—the report concludes—that these two leaders of the pro-Communist section of the Kuomintang have left Hankow.

Protect Foreigners.

A Canton vernacular paper to hand yesterday evening reproduced a despatch alleged to have been received by the Canton Arsenal from Hankow, to the effect that General Tang Seng-chi

had openly declared himself in favour of a "united military com-

## NANKING OUTRAGES.

"Strongest Possible Protests" Lodged.

## YANGTSE DANGERS.

British Government and Shanghai's Future.

The Nanking outrages, Yangtse dangers and Shanghai's future were all mentioned in Parliament yesterday when the Foreign Secretary answered a series of questions about China.



Strict copyright. Mr. Denis H. Hazell. Street fighting—British soldiers lying down at an advanced post "on the ready" for further attack, after Elgin Road had been "cleared" by them.

## PROTEST TO MR. CHEN.

British Foreign Secretary's Statement.

Rugby, March 23. In the House of Commons to-day, the Foreign Secretary was asked about the outrages on British nationals at Nanking, the looting of the British Consulate and firing upon the British flag.

He related the events at Nanking as already reported in the British official wireless. He said Mr. Teichman, the British representative at Hankow, said Mr. Eugene Chen, the Nationalist Foreign Minister, on March 25, and again on March 26 and lodged with him the strongest possible protest against these unprecedented outrages reported to be the work of soldiers of the Nationalist army.

Sir Austen Chamberlain added that according to information he had received he had not the least doubt that the timely communication with the warships and their timely action alone saved the lives of citizens of British and American nationalities.

Deeds Not Words. A member asked whether the Commander-in-Chief of the Cantonese forces had specifically stated that in his opinion the looting and outrages were committed by Northern troops.

Sir Austen Chamberlain said he had seen that statement, but information derived from American and British sources was to the contrary.

Another member asked whether the guarantee of General Chiang Kai-shek was a guarantee upon which the British Government could safely rely.

Sir Austen Chamberlain replied that in the anarchical conditions which prevailed in many parts of China it was impossible to say we could rely with safety upon these guarantees. We must watch what happened and judge, not

laid said he was informed that the position at Hankow had recently again been strained. Chinese troops had been stopping and threatening British residents, and had tried to prevent access to and from ships and men-of-war.

Mr. Chen's Regrets. Representations had been made to Mr. Eugene Chen who had expressed his regrets, and the Cantonese soldiers had now been withdrawn from the Concession. The British Consul-General and naval authorities were taking what steps were in their judgment necessary for the security of British subjects.

Was the Foreign Secretary aware, inquired Sir Clement Kinloch Cook (Conservative), that the Hankow agreement had had no beneficial effects whatever but rather the contrary?

Sir Austen Chamberlain said personally he would not at this stage pronounce final judgment on the agreement. Obviously when the agreement was signed in good faith by the British Government and Mr. Eugene Chen it must be judged by results.

Shanghai's Future.

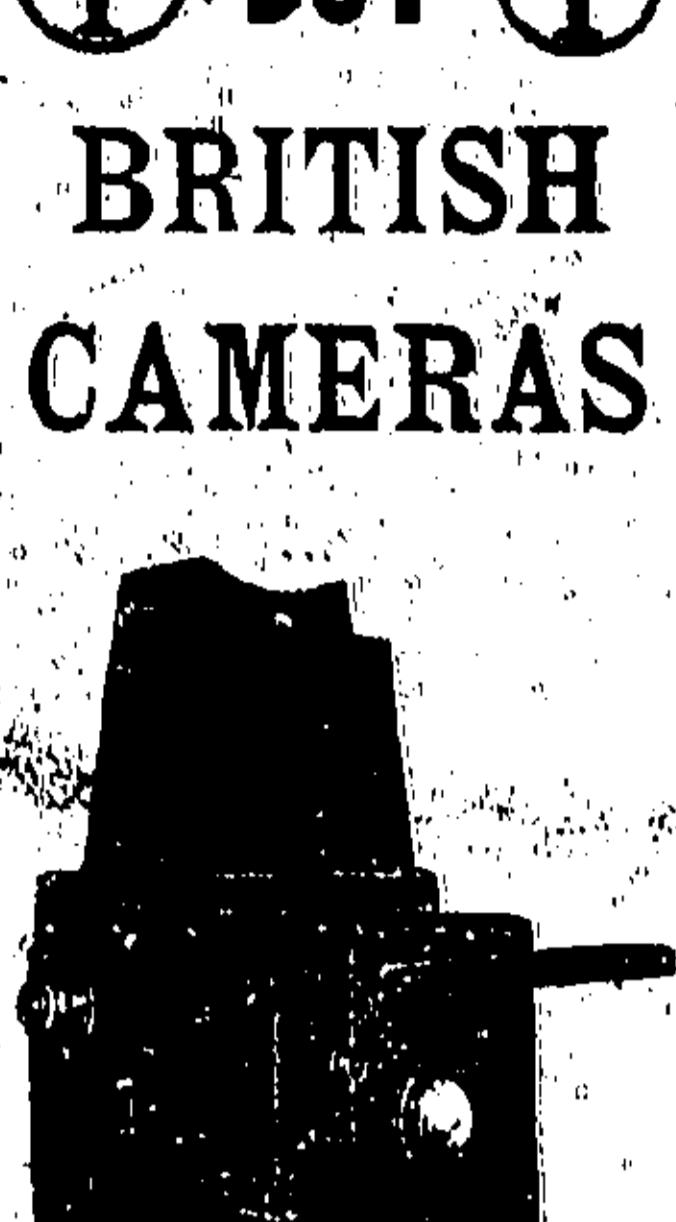
Mr. T. V. Soong (Finance Minister) has cabled to Canton that he and Mr. Sun Fo (Minister of Communications) expect to reach Shanghai on Wednesday to take charge of affairs in their respective spheres.—"Wah Tze Yat Po."

Considered opinion is that the news broadcast in Canton must have had the sanction of General Li Ching-sun, a strong adherent of the "military party" under Chiang Kai-shek.

He observed that the future of the Settlement could only be determined in consultation with the other Powers interested. Moreover we had dealt in the most

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- To receive the Report of the Committee and Statement of Accounts for the Past Year.
- To elect the Officers and Committee for the ensuing Year.
- To transact any other Business of which due Notice has been given.

All Members are requested to attend.

L. M. WHYTE,  
Hon. Secretary.  
Hong Kong, 23rd March, 1927.

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THE 38TH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHARE-HOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the same place on THURSDAY, the Twenty-first day of April, 1927, at 11.30 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of receiving a report of the proceedings of the above mentioned meeting and of confirming, if thought fit, a Special Resolution.

A copy of the proposed new Articles of Association of the Company with the alterations, amendments and differences between the existing and new Articles incorporated and indicated in red ink can be seen during usual business hours at the Registered Office of the Company aforesaid.

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Hong Kong, 27th March, 1927.

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DIA DA BOA IMPRENSA IN  
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## SUNDAY'S CELEBRATION.

The seventh celebration of the Dia da Boa Imprensa, under the auspices of the Portuguese Monthly "Religiao e Patria" took place at the Catholic Cathedral on Sunday to implore the grace of God for the development of good and sound literature and to impress on all the necessity and importance of the Catholic Press in opposition to all pernicious publications.

This celebration, promoted by the Association "Ora e labora," originated in Seville, and soon spread throughout Spain, Portugal and other countries. It is fixed annually for June 29, feast of St. Peter and St. Paul but in Hong Kong it was decided with the approval of the late Bishop Pozzani that it takes place in the month of March dedicated to St. Joseph.

Hong Kong is the only place in the Far East which has celebrated the Dia da Boa Imprensa, and the "Religiao e Patria" is to be congratulated as the founder and promoter of this festivity here.

The work of the Catholic Press has been greatly recommended by Roman Pontiffs and Prelates of the whole world. Mons. Valtorta is taking keen interest in it, and has decided to expend the sum offered to him on the occasion of his Episcopal Consecration by the Catholics of Hong Kong, through a subscription opened by the Portuguese Monthly, for obtaining books and pamphlets of catholic propaganda for free distribution.

There were special services both in the morning and in the afternoon. The afternoon service was presided over by His Lordship, and Rev. Father Finn preached an appropriate sermon.

After the evening service a concert took place at one of the halls of the Mission House. The programme was as follows:

1. Duet: Srs. A. Rodrigues e A. Vaz.

2. Aloucuno: Sr. F. P. de Vasconcelos Soares.

3. Fiore Gentile, G. Calamani:

Sr. E. Goulart de Aquino.

4. Marcha Hawallana: Sra. A.

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8. Rigoletto. Paraphrase de Concert: Verdi. List: Mdc. Aurora Baptista.

9. O Jingle-chamines (Monologo):—Sr. F. X. Lobato de Faria.

10. Guarany, Gomes: Sr. G. de Aquino.

11. Calm as the night, Carl Gotze; Sra. E. G. de Aquino.

12. Trio: Srs. A. Baptista, A.

Rodrigues e A. Vaz.

Queremos Deus.

During the interval sandwiches, cakes and light refreshments were served by young ladies of the Club Florinha de Jesus.

Mr. Vasconcelos Soares in his short speech recommended the propagation of the Catholic Press and asked the Catholics to give it every support.

Mrs. Eca, a pretty girl of 11 years recited the poetry nicely and Mr. Lobato de Faria proved to be a perfect comic.

Mdlo. Aurora Baptista played the piano with enthusiasm and good touch whilst Messrs. A. Baptista, A. Rodrigues and A. Vaz, as well as Mr. Goulart de Aquino and his son Gastao de Aquino and the members of the Chorus under the direction of Revs. Father Riganti and Granelli performed very well the music both vocal and instrumental entrusted to them.

His Lordship then addressed a few words making references to the "Religiao e Patria," the "Folia Dominicana," the Sociedade da Boa Imprensa" and the Club "Florinha de Jesus," announcing at the same time the reappearance of "The Rock" in the near future under new management and with competent writers.

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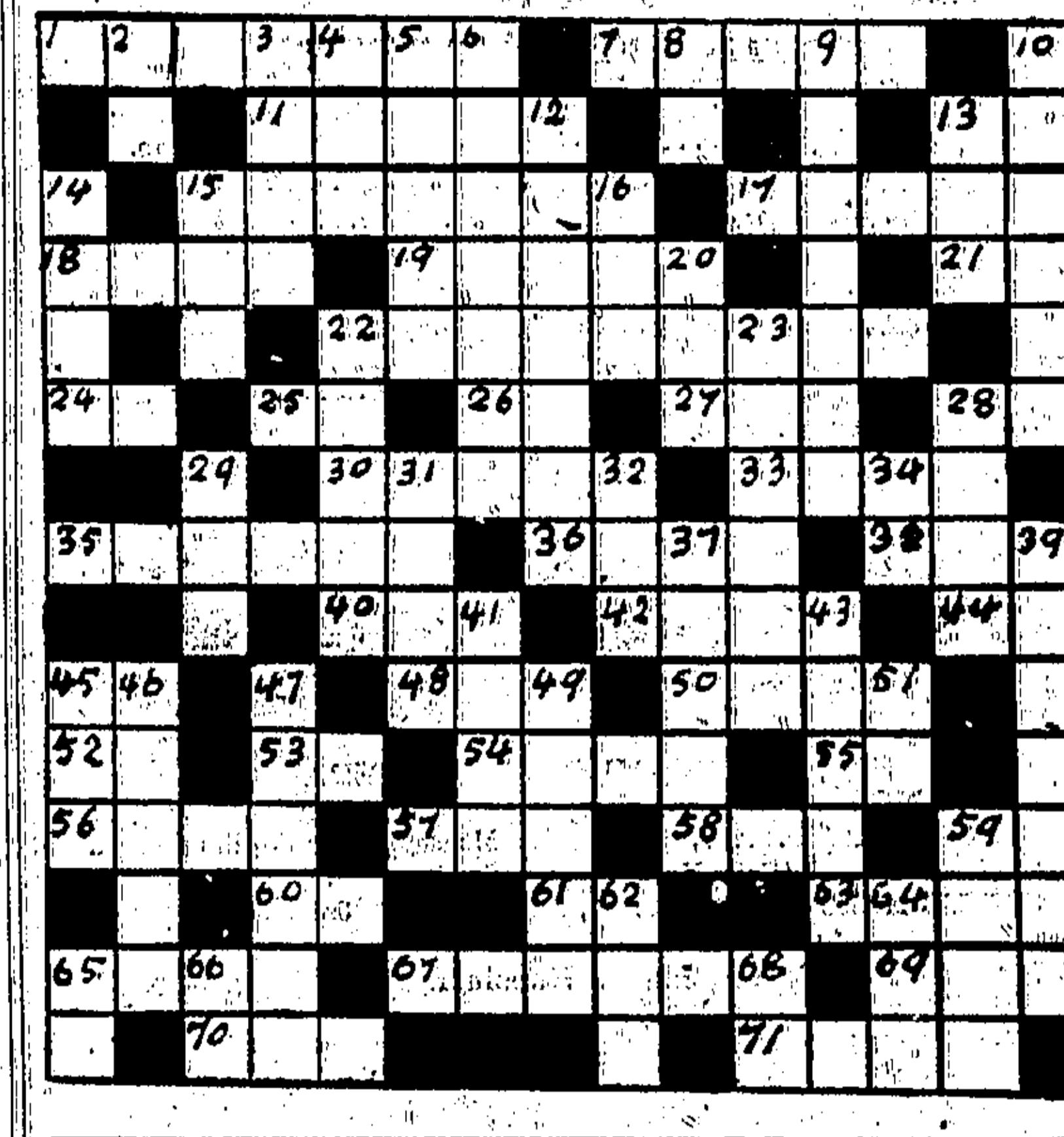
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CEYLON MARU Friday, 1st April.

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MISHIMA MARU Saturday, 23rd April.

SHANGHAI, KOBE &amp; YOKOHAMA.

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The little gathering was quite an informal one, and all the more enjoyable on that account. There was no suggestion of toasts or speeches; the visitors were made to feel as if they were the personal guests of the Captain in his own "Club" on the sea. The bill of fare was similar to that provided for the "Resolute's" own passengers, which is equivalent to saying that it was of a uniformly high standard, fully upholding the tradition of the Hamburg Amerika Line for hospitality and liberality in the all important matter of viands and those liquid refreshments without which no good meal is reckoned complete.

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Editorially, the "N. C. Daily News" comments, inter alia:— There is, of course, the Company's side of the matter to be considered, but unless and until the Company chooses to make known its case, the facts and contentions put forward by the officers appear to be irrebuttable. In theory, perhaps, this question of the reduction of the wages of the officers of the C. N. C. is one concerning only the Company and its employees; but actually, and especially in view of the unprecedented condition now obtaining in China, it takes on a much wider and a graver aspect and is the indirect concern of anyone and everyone having any sort of interest in the unhindered operation of local shipping. We do not know the reasons that have prompted the China Navigation Co. to bring the reduction into effect in what has apparently been described as an unpropitious time; nor, apparently, does the Company intend to take the general public into its confidence. The general public has not the slightest right to interfere in what is essentially a private matter, but note the less the fact cannot be gainsaid that the general public is deeply, indeed vitally interested.

## PASSENGER LIST.

## ARRIVALS.

Passengers for Hong Kong by the "President Hayes" from San Francisco, Kobe and Shanghai, arrived March 28, were:—Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Chollet, Miss Ferguson, Rev. Bro. Basilio, Mr. H. L. Bixby, Mr. M. Bourne, Mrs. M. E. Caldwell, Mrs. G. E. George, Mr. Liang Hing-tsun, Mr. J. A. Pratt, Mr. T. W. Wilson, Mrs. M. S. Wood, Mr. T. Zunst.

Passengers arrived at Hong Kong on March 27 by the "President Madison" from Manila, were:—Mr. P. Arizmazian, Mr. S. C. Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. E. and Mrs. J. Barcelon, Rev. Bro. Basilio, Mr. H. L. Bixby, Mr. M. Bourne, Mrs. M. E. Caldwell, Mrs. G. E. George, Mr. Liang Hing-tsun, Mr. J. A. Pratt, Mr. T. W. Wilson, Mrs. M. S. Wood, Mr. T. Zunst.

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LAHORE	6,562	10th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
NELLORE	6,553	11th May	S'pore, Flang, Colombo, B'bay & K'chi
KHIVA	9,135	14th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
JEYPORE	5,518	20th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
NYANZA	7,023	25th May	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
MOREA	10,918	29th May	Marseilles & London
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MALWA	10,380	1st April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
TILAWA	10,000	3rd April	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Osaka
ARAFURA	6,000	5th April	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
TALMA	10,000	6th April	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
NELLORE	6,553	15th April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
KHIVA	9,135	15th April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
NYANZA	7,023	29th April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
MOREA	10,053	29th April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
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## HEAVY LOSS.

## DOCK COMPANY'S BAD YEAR.

## HOPE FOR FUTURE.

At the last annual meeting of the Hong Kong and Whampoa Dock Company it was announced that the Directors had sanctioned the appointment of a Committee to investigate the working of the Company with a view to effecting economies.

At the annual meeting to-day, the Chairman announced that this Committee had made a prolonged enquiry but their report had only reached him on Saturday morning. It had not been possible to consider and comment upon it at that meeting but the Directors would give careful consideration to every point raised.

A heavy loss for the year was reported. No dividend could be recommended. The Chairman expressed the view that there was no need for undue pessimism. When times were more normal here and at Home, the Company's property and plant would be employed to fullest advantage.

The Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard presided over the meeting, supported by Messrs. H. P. White, T. G. Wall, Allan Cameron, W. H. Bell and Sir Robert Ho Tung (Directors); Mr. R. M. Dyer, B.Sc., M.I.N.A. (Chief Manager); Mr. E. L. Hostis, C.A. (Secretary) and the following shareholders: Messrs. M. Fernandez, A. H. M. du Silva, G. W. Sewell, Kelly Sayce, J. M. Alves, E. Abraham, C. A. de Roos, Chau Yue-teng, Lo Koon-hong and R. M. Smith.

Chairman's Speech.

The Chairman said: the report and accounts having been in your possession for the past ten days, I will with your permission follow the usual procedure and take them as read.

I would like to express on behalf of my colleagues on the Board our deep sense of loss at the death of Sir Paul Chater who had been a director of this Company for over twenty-five years. We owed a great deal to his keen vision and enterprise.

It is with much regret that I again have to present you with a Statement of Accounts which shows a heavy loss, but as you are aware the boycott against Hong Kong lasted well into the Autumn and dividends have not yet been returned to normal.

The volume of business we have been able to secure has been small. Orders for new construction have been difficult to obtain and repairs have been cut down to a minimum; moreover, the condition of affairs in South China has militated against any large volume of tonnage coming to this port or orders being placed here.

New Dock Levelling.

We have spared no efforts to effect increased economies in our working and our staff is now at the very minimum consistent with efficiency even for the reduced volume of work we have had to undertake. The levelling of the site for the new dock is proceeding as slowly as possible and the minimum amount of work to keep this contract alive is being performed.

Turning to the Accounts, you will notice that a Debenture on the assets of the Company has been granted to our Bankers as security for our overdraft. The additions to the property during the year are practically all old contracts which ran out in that period. The figure includes interest on uncompleted works.

Bad and Doubtful Debts.

Your Directors have considered it necessary to provide the large sum of \$180,646.70 as a provision against Bad and Doubtful Debts. Some of this we hope to recover but it was considered advisable to provide for every possible contingency. After making this provision the net loss for the year amounts to \$283,695.29. It is proposed to transfer \$300,000 from Reserve Fund to meet this loss and this, together with a credit of \$62,309.50 brought forward from the previous year will give \$68,614.11 at credit.

Committee of Enquiry.

At our meeting a year ago I mentioned that at the request of a large body of shareholders the Directors had sanctioned the appointment of a Committee to investigate the working of the Company with a view to effecting economies. This committee has made a prolonged inquiry but their report only reached me on Saturday morning. I much regret therefore that it has not been possible to consider it and comment upon it at this meeting. I may say, however, that your Directors will give the most careful consideration to every point raised.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Committee on behalf of the Directors and shareholders for their painstaking and careful inquiry and trust that it may be the means of effecting more economy and efficiency in working.

I do not think there are any more points that call for comment and now beg to propose the adoption of the Report and Accounts and when this has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer to the best of my ability any questions which shareholders may wish to ask.

Other Business.

Sir Robert Ho Tung seconded the adoption of the report and account and the resolution was carried.

There were no questions.

Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr. Allan Cameron, retiring directors, were re-elected on the proposition of Mr. G. W. Sewell, seconded by Mr. Kelly Sayce.

On the proposition of Mr. J. M. Alves, reelected by Mr. E. Abraham, the appointment to the Board of Mr. W. H. Bell, in succession to the late Sir P. Chater, was confirmed.

Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews, and Messrs. F. G. Smith, Seti, and T. Young were re-elected auditors for the year 1927, on the proposition of Mr. G. W. Sewell, seconded by Mr. Chau Yue-teng.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

## HERCIN HAUL.

## ARRESTED EUROPEANS CHARGED.

## TRUNK'S HIDING PLACE.

Before Mr. R. E. Lindsell yesterday afternoon hearing was opened in the case in which number 23 fly the British flag.

During the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. to-day there were 10 arrivals (2 British) and 14 departures (4 British).

CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

Consignees of cargo by the a.s. “City of Wellington” are reminded that goods will be subject to rent after April 2.

Consignees of cargo ex a.s. “Si-kiang” are informed that all claims will not be recognized by the Agent after Monday, April 4.

Consignees of cargo by a.s. “Annam” are reminded that goods will be subject to rent if not delivered after April 4.

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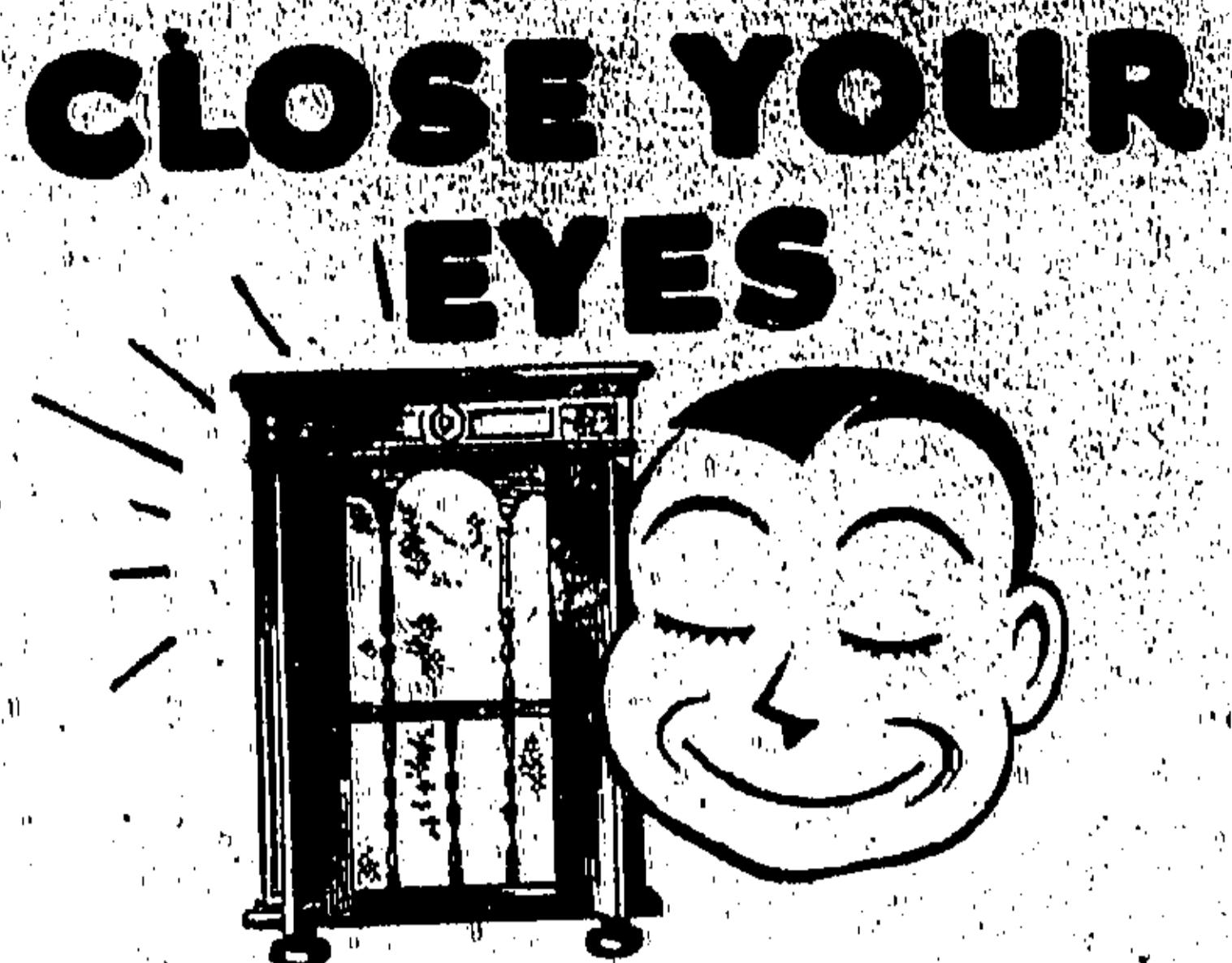
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### WHERE IS BORODIN?

A fresh sensation has been created in Chinese affairs this time by the alleged flight of Borodin and Hsu Chien from Hankow.

The origin of the report, like every other move in the port, like every other move in the Chinese chess board, must be carefully scrutinised before any credence can be given to it, to

matter how much we might wish

that it were true in substance and in fact. The Nationalists have been long enough under

Major Wilson at the Magistracy

this morning charged with having driven his car in a negligent manner on March 28.

Defendant said that he admitted "speeding a little" but he was not negligent.

Magistrate: Well, speeding is necessarily dangerous; don't you think so?—No reply.

Traffic Sgt. Clark said that the

day in question driving at 31

miles per hour from Arsenal

Street to near the Naval Hos-

pital, where he was eventually

stopped. The witness tried to

stop defendant earlier, but at

the time he gave him a "toot" defen-

dant wanted a little faster.

A fine of \$20 was imposed.

### SPEEDING A LITTLE.

A CAR OWNER'S NAIVE ADMISSION.

### NEGLIGENCE DENIED!

Mr. Serradas was before Major Wilson at the Magistracy this morning charged with having driven his car in a negligent manner on March 28.

Defendant said that he admitted "speeding a little" but he was not negligent.

Magistrate: Well, speeding is necessarily dangerous; don't you think so?—No reply.

Traffic Sgt. Clark said that the

day in question driving at 31

miles per hour from Arsenal

Street to near the Naval Hos-

pital, where he was eventually

stopped. The witness tried to

stop defendant earlier, but at

the time he gave him a "toot" defen-

dant wanted a little faster.

A fine of \$20 was imposed.

### TRAGIC DEATH.

### SOLDIER DROWNED IN NEW TERRITORY.

The death occurred under tragic circumstances on Friday evening of Signalman C. E. Scarlett of the 18th Infantry Brigade stationed at the Nanking Golf Club camp. The deceased was drowned while bathing in Shungshui, a tributary to the Shui-chun river. He entered the water from a three-span bridge about 1,000 yards from Shungshui railway station and disappeared almost entirely. A search had been made for him later, but he had not been recovered.

During last week there were

six cases of diphtheria notified, two proving fatal. Five of the notified cases were of Chinese and one of Portuguese subjects.

Enteric and cerebral spinal fever

also figured in last week's record.

There were five of the former cases

(1 Portuguese, 1 Japanese and 3

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8. MUSEUM ROAD  
SHANGHAI

A Shanghai housekeeper asked her cook why he could not get a calf's head for dinner. "Just now they no kill ox market-side" was his defence.

People are asked to refrain from singing "It ain't going to rain no more," says the "North China Daily News," as the country is really quite damp enough for the present.

Admiral Takarabe, the Minister of the Navy, has requested Baron Saito, the Governor-General of Korea, to come to Tokyo and to act as Japan's chief delegate to the forthcoming Naval Disarmament Conference.

Aralov, the Soviet Assistant Commissar for Foreign Affairs, who has been attempting to negotiate agreements with Estonia and Latvia, has left for Moscow, and the Soviet Legation at Riga announces that he has been appointed Bolshevik Ambassador to Carlton.

The Chinese press reports that work is being carried on by the Nationalist military authorities in connection with the repair of the Shanghai-Hangchow Railway. It is understood that a temporary wooden bridge will be used over the Sungkien bridge until the steel one is mended. The Southern authorities are said to expect that the Shanghai-Hangchow service will be resumed in the next ten days.

The Queen visited the New Gallery Cinema in Regent Street, W. on Feb. 21, to see presentation of China's first photo film, "The Willow Pattern Play." This film, acted by an all-Chinese cast, was produced in one of Shanghai's British-owned studios by Capt. N. A. Bogson, an Englishman. Included in the Royal party were the Princess Royal, Princess Arthur of Connaught, Lady Maud Carnegie, Princess Helena Victoria, and Princess Marie Louise.

The former A.P.C. Chinese clerk who has already been sentenced to various terms of imprisonment (running concurrently and totalling four years) for thefts from the A.P.C. and attempting to pass forged cheques, was again before the Criminal Sessions yesterday afternoon on charges of larceny of a cigarette case and cigar cutter, the property of Mr. L. M. S. Lloyd, of the A.P.C. He was found guilty and sentenced to six months' hard labour, the sentence to run concurrently with the others (still four years in all).

## LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

A missionary in India found that the people in his constituency were dying of disease caused by drinking polluted water. Knowing that the people readily attributed

Mr. Stuart Yui, Professor of Political Economics at the University of Peking, gave an address on China at St. Matthew's Church Hall, Surbiton, on Feb. 17.

One of the world's largest dinosaurs, which it is estimated died about 30,000,000 years ago, will shortly be put on its legs again at the Natural History Museum in New York. The dinosaur is 50 feet long and 30 feet high and is believed to have weighed about 10 tons. The bones were found in Tanganyika.

Two Australian yachtsmen, Messrs. Robert and Francis Lukes, are preparing to leave Marseilles in a small yawl, the "Cutty Sark," to sail for Melbourne via the Red Sea, India, Singapore, Japan, the Fiji Islands, and New Caledonia. They are allowing two years for their voyage, and expect to cover about 24,000 miles.

The black Persian cat was missing, and its owners were in despair. The household goods were being packed for going home, and five carpets neatly folded awaited the pleasure of the packers, and the black cat used always to sleep on the top of them. The carpets were duly packed, and in the list of things put into the case read, "five Tibetan carpets, one black fur hearth rug." Pussy's fate was known at last.

Why, oh why, exclaims the "Penang Gazette," does our local General Post Office, having carefully provided no fewer than four windows at which stamps may be purchased, spoil the whole effect of their consideration for the public, by permitting only one overworked clerk to attend to all four windows, as at 11 o'clock this morning? We feel there must be some answer to this riddle, but we are unable to see it at the moment.

Seventeen leading newspapers and news agencies of Japan, have started a movement against the Publication Bill, now before the House of Representatives, says the "Japan Chronicle." The representatives of these newspapers and news agencies met on the 9th instant, at the Diet building, and agreed that all newspapers interested in the movement should be made to publish the following resolution and to print articles vigorously attacking the Bill:—"Be it resolved that we most strongly oppose the Publication Bill now before the Diet as we regard it as a most thoughtless piece of legislation which is not only anachronistic but calculated to put undue pressure on the organs of public opinion."

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Mr. Ephraim Smith, aged 90, who was chief petty officer of the ship which escorted Queen Alexandra to England for her marriage to King Edward, has died at Chatam.

The forthcoming marriage is announced of Mr. James Key, Inspector of Wireless Telegraphy, No. 43 Kowloon Tong, to Miss Esther Rosalind Chan, No. 312, Nathan Road, Kowloon.

A dressing gown, two petticoats, and a nightdress worn by Queen Victoria have been left to Newcastle University by Mr. William Givens, of Southbourne, Hampshire.

"I have done my duty, and never wish to hear Prince Carol's name again. He has gone completely out of my life," said Princess Helene of Greece, wife of the ex-Crown Prince Carol of Roumania in an interview with the British United Press in Rome.

Sir Frederick Lugard, who was Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Hong Kong, 1907-1912, has been seriously ill at his home, Little Parkhurst, Abinger Common, Surrey, with bronchial trouble. His condition was slightly better in small week.

The engagement is announced between Cyril H. Pearson, only son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Pearson, of 85, Addiscombe Road, Croydon, and Phyllis, elder daughter of the late Captain F. D. Goddard, of Hong Kong (Messrs. Goddard and Douglas) and Mrs. Goddard, 20, Foxley Lane, Purley.

Fred M. Dearing, U. S. Minister to Portugal, who was forced to abandon the American Legation there after it had been riddled with bullets by the insurgents during the recent revolt.

Under the heading "A Military Paradox," a writer in the "Weekly Dispatch" refers to a Chinese officer who is to be seen about London just now and who is universally liked. He is the young soldier son of Sir Robert Ho Tung, of Hong Kong. He was at Woolwich, and is now attached to an English regiment. When he gets leave he comes to town and the writer of the note hears of a party in his honour in next week.

While the Prince of Wales was

The Prince of Wales was thrown from a horse again on March 13. He was thrown on the first hurdle by his mount at an army steeplechase. He escaped injury, however, and arose smiling.

Colonel Commandant R. O. Paterson has been appointed a Royal Marine Aide-de-Camp to the King, vice Colonel Commandant J. B. Finlaison, retired, to date Feb. 10. Colonel Paterson commands the Royal Marines.

A Hollywood message says that Norma Talmadge, noted film star and wife of Joseph Schenck, motion picture producer, and Eugene O'Brien, another movie celebrity, are planning to visit Manly. At first it was intended that they should sail in February, but it now appears the date may be later in the spring.

While the Prince of Wales was paying a visit to Hackney Hospital recently, a mother gave birth to her fifth child in the maternity ward. On hearing that the Prince had visited the hospital the mother decided to call the baby after him. The baby is a girl and the Prince's first name is Edward. As his second name is Albert, however, it was decided to call the young lady Alberta.

A motion describing the recent legislation restricting divorce reports as "an unwarrantable interference with the freedom of the press" was debated by the Cambridge Union Society. Mr. J. S. B. Lloyd (Magdalene College), urging that publicity made for social welfare, said the effect of ridicule as a social weapon must not be minimized. There were 50,000 divorce cases a year in France, where they did not publish reports, against 3,000 in Britain. The motion was lost by 105 votes to 42.

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## SPORTS SECTION

## STREET FOOTBALL.

DRAMATIC INTERVENTION BY POLICE.

FIXTURE ABANDONED!

A hotly contested football match between the Hollywood Hotspurs and the Wyndham Wanderers was in full swing opposite the Police Married Quarters in Wyndham Street yesterday evening when the Police, acting on the orders of Mr. Wodehouse, rushed down on them. Most of the players suddenly remembered that they had a pressing appointment and decided to postpone the match. The Police caught two of them and they were this morning produced before Major Wilson at the Magistracy charged with obstruction. They claimed that they were only watching the game.

Remarking that watching street football was as much obstruction as playing, the Magistrate fined them \$3 each.

It is sincerely to be hoped that the Police, having received peace for their own Benedicks, will now pay a visit to Glenayre, where a "match" is always in progress during the tiffin hour.

## STEEPLECHASES.

ENTRIES FOR NEXT FANLING MEETING.

Entries closed yesterday for the steeplechase meeting of the Fanning Hunt to be held at Kwont on Saturday, April 9 and are as follows:

1-3.15 p.m.—The Maiden Plate—2 furlongs.  
Mr. A. E. McCartney's Gymp; Dr. L. Reidy's October; Mr. A. H. Potts' Two Pairs; Mr. J. F. Pym's Aces Up; Mr. H. C. Macnamara's Benjamin; Mr. W. H. S. Dent's New York; Lt. P. Q. Robert's Four of a Kind; Mr. F. T. Orr's Sheila; Lt. C. Abel Smith's Black Mouse.

2—The Easter Handicap—1½ miles.

Mr. J. K. Bousfield's Smart Guy; Mr. K. H. Chun's Easter Day; Chin Lee Ku (late Christmas Day II); Mr. Burgess Farnon's Aroha; Dr. J. C. Macgown's Blotting Paper; Mr. J. J. Paterson's Deer Hound; Mr. R. J. Paterson's Manager; Mrs. R. J. Paterson's Humdinger; Mr. E. Rock, The Gift (late Solstice Eve); Mr. W. T. Stanton's Kwan Tao; Mr. G. W. Sewell, Ciree; Mr. Topside's Mountain Fox; Mr. W. G. Mattingley's Stripes; Mr. B. M. Ede's Pepper & Salt, Dragon River; Messrs. Forbes and Collingwood's Shady Joe; Mr. Jonathan's Plum Pudding (late the George and Vulture); Mrs. R. M. Dyer's Yorks; Mr. A. N. Lucy's Country Mouse.

3—The Fanning National—2 miles.

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4—The Easter Stakes—2 miles.

Mr. Burgess Farnon's Isotacy; Mr. A. E. McCartney's Gymp; Dr. J. C. Macgown's Blotting Paper; Dr. L. Reidy's Tuculaca (late Formidable); Dr. L. Reidy's Mowgli; Mr. W. T. Stanton's Kwan Sal; Mr. A. H. Potts' Craigavon; Two Pairs; Lt. P. Q. Robert's Four of a Kind; Lt. Comdr. A. B. Fanshaw's Racehorse; Mr. F. T. Orr's Sheila; Mr. A. N. Lucy's Country Mouse.

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## ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE SPORTS.

St. Stephen's College held their annual athletic sports meeting at 1.15 p.m. to-morrow on the University ground, Pukuluan.

Old boys are specially invited to attend and there is a race for them.

Mrs. Kotewall is to give away the prizes at the close.

St. Paul's College hold their annual athletic sports meeting this Friday on the Hong Kong Football Club ground, Happy Valley, beginning at 1.30 p.m.

## SPORTS SECTION

## V.R.C. BOXING.

AMATEUR TOURNAMENT IN MAY.

SERVICEMEN INVITED.

After a lapse of a year, the Victoria Recreation Club has revived its annual amateur boxing tournament.

Dates chosen are May 4 and 5 (Wednesday and Thursday) and May 7 (Saturday) when there will also be a special event in addition to the finals.

The tournament is open to all Clubs in the Colony, schools and to H.M.'s forces, bouts to be held in the V.R.C. gymnasium, under the rules of the Amateur Boxing Association.

There are ten classes, entry for each being \$1. Servicemen spectators will be admitted at half price. The divisions are:

Boys (Schools only).

Bantams: under 65 lbs.

Lightweights: 65 to 75 lbs.

Middles: 76 to 90 lbs.

Heavyies: 91 to 115 lbs.

Men:

Bantams: not over 116 lbs.

Feathers: not over 126 lbs.

Lights: not over 140 lbs.

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## EMPIRE RADIO.

THE POLICY OF THE B.B.C.  
OUTLINED.

Interest in the question of broadcasting to the Empire has been recently revived, and the B.B.C. made a statement of policy on the subject. It will be recalled that some time ago an official of the Broadcasting Company outlined a possible plan for an all-red girdle of broadcasting stations round the world, which could relay the transmissions of a short-wave station in Britain. In the preparation for the regional station scheme to provide better broadcasting facilities for listeners in the Empire broadcasting has been allowed to "recede" into the background, but the B.B.C. in a statement pointed out that the idea had by no means been abandoned.

"It has always been part of the permanent policy of the broadcasting authority to develop as soon as possible effective facilities for Empire broadcasting," it is announced. "While keeping this idea well to the fore it was necessary, however, for the broadcasting authority to recognise its prior duty to those who pay for receiving licences in the Mother Country. The broadcasting authority has realised all along the urgency of establishing facilities for effective alternative programmes through some new scheme, such as high-power regional stations. Nevertheless, the Empire project has been carried forward alongside the British scheme of distribution. Moreover, it has to be kept in mind that the effective continuous use of short-wave transmission for the re-laying of broadcast programmes has not yet passed beyond the experimental stage. It is recognised that, even hampered by comparatively experienced experimenters, only a limited degree of success, varying according to the time of day, has been achieved with short-wave transmission. It would be assuming too much on the scientific side to suggest that, with the data available, an uninterrupted service of broadcasting on short-waves is a feasible scheme.

"Nevertheless, while making full allowance for these difficulties, the B.B.C. are anxious to establish an effective system of uninterrupted broadcasting throughout the Empire, and they hope for success before very long. There is, however, no question of the reconstruction of the Daventry station for this specific purpose. When experiments in hand produce the anticipated results, and when the necessary funds are made available, the facilities will be provided for an auxiliary service."

On the subject of the efficacy of short waves for long-distance work, it may be added, opinion is divided. Amateurs in Britain claim astonishing results from short-wave experiments on low-power, two-way communication with Australia and New Zealand having been accomplished. There is also the example of the American short-wave stations, the best known being 2XAF, Schenectady, and KDKA, Pittsburgh. Both these stations can be received in Britain with much less difficulty than American stations in the ordinary broadcasting band. As a further illustration of the use of short waves, recently South African amateurs carried out tests with amateurs in the U.S.A. and on many occasions established two-way communication. The Marconi beam stations for Empire telegraphic work also employ short waves.

## MORE CULTURE.

The wireless station at Omaha in Nebraska recently distributed a laughing competition to all its listeners-in, says a contributor to the "Manchester Guardian." Over a hundred competitors took part and each roared his loudest into the microphone, one gentleman of colour stimulating himself by a preliminary roll round the studio floor in order to work himself up to the right degree of hilarity. Good marks were given for many things, ranging from "volume" and "contagious quality" to "wholeness"—so that evidently no points would have been awarded for a nasty, cynical little snigger. As development of "grinning through a horse-collar" it must have been the most impressive spectacle ever arranged. But it is no use the B.B.C. thinking of borrowing the same idea. Thousands of indignant wireless enthusiasts would only lay down their re-

## RADIO INVENTION.

WONDERFUL DEVELOPMENTS  
PREDICTED.

Sydney, Feb. 24.—The possibilities of radio were the theme of the speeches of Mr. Pratten (Minister for Customs) and Sir William Noble, ex-chairman of the British Broadcasting Company at the official opening of the radio and electrical exhibition in the Town Hall to-day. Both speakers referred to the wonderful development in radio invention and application during the past three years, and indicated that still more wonderful developments were likely in the immediate future.

Mr. Pratten said it was anticipated that within a few months

it would be all probability be possible for Sydney to speak by telephone to London.

Sir William Noble emphasised this statement by saying that within a very short time it would be possible for the Ministers of the Federal Government to ring up Ministers of the Crown in London and converse with them.

Mr. Pratten, after referring to the progress of wireless and electricity, said that already they had got beyond the transference of sound through the ether, and television had become an accomplished fact. Moving pictures and radio had been combined, so that within a short space of time the picture film as it was now known would probably disappear, having been replaced by an apparatus that would enable picture patrons to see and hear living actors who might be playing and speaking their parts thousands of miles away. Mr. Pratten said that he had made inquiries regarding the radio and electrical trades, and these young industries were taking a firm hold in Australia. He had been informed that nearly one-half of both the radio and electrical exhibit had been manufactured in Australia. He was pleased to learn that there was a growing tendency for established firms of the Motherland to establish themselves in Australia. It was in this way that the Commonwealth would grow stronger.

Sir William Noble said that during the two months he had been in Australia he had taken an interest in broadcasting and was surprised at the development of radio throughout the Commonwealth. His belief was that there would be a continued development of radio in Australia. When the British Broadcasting Co. commenced broadcasting four years ago there were only about ten firms that had anything to do with wireless, whilst at present there were upwards of 2,000 British manufacturers and dealers in radio. During those four years there had been such an advance in Britain that at present there were 2,500,000 listeners. The speaker also referred in high terms of the quality of the broadcasting programmes in all the States of the Commonwealth.

The service," he went on, "is in the nature of an experiment. If it proves successful its range and capacity will be extended. It is probable that during the winter months an average approaching twenty-two hours out of twenty-four could be given, and if the demand warrants it the hours of service will be extended. During summer the conditions are more difficult, and the period from seven p.m. to midnight might often be unworkable. The question of a future reduction in the cost of the service must be dependent on its revenue-earning power coupled with extension of hours of service, upon experience of the actual cost of running and maintenance, and upon the possibility of devising cheaper equipment if and when additional channels of communication become necessary. The plant used is very expensive. Irrespective of the annual running and maintenance costs, the development expenses have been very high, and the capital cost of the plant on this side only approaches £500,000."

Upon the question of secrecy, Colonel Purves observed that while no claim to secrecy was made, it was difficult to overhear both sides of a conversation. Even partial overhearing was a recognised weakness, but the average user would probably not be seriously deterred by the fact that part of his conversation might be overheard by a stray eavesdropper. He suggested the advisability of regular correspondents devising a system of code words and phrases.

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## CROWDED ETHER.

RUGBY'S ALL-POWERFUL  
STATION.

One very real difficulty in modern radio communication, Colonel Purves said in a talk, was the congestion of the ether, due to the great and increasing number of stations at work. "It is becoming difficult," he said, "to provide for all of them separate wave-lengths which will not interfere with one another. Radio-telegraphy can be operated on a single wave-length, but human speech consists of many different frequencies, and consequently a broad band of adjacent wave-lengths is needed to transmit its articulate tones. It therefore makes a heavy demand on what is known as 'ether space,' and it becomes correspondingly difficult to find an unoccupied region into which a new service can be fitted."

Colonel Purves went on to describe how the difficulty of shielding the British Receiving Station at Wroughton, near Swindon, from the speech signals emanating from Rugby had been overcome. The strength of the Rugby signals at Wroughton, he remarked, "may be as much as ten thousand times greater than that of the American signals, on the same wave-length, to which alone the Wroughton receiving apparatus must respond. The problem has been successfully solved, and the system as a whole discriminates perfectly between the east-going and west-going signals. This has been accomplished by the use of extremely sensitive and rapid switching devices at the London and New York trunk exchanges. These are operated by the actual voice currents of the subscriber who is speaking. They enable him, as it were, to clear the path for his own speech and to paralyse the return path for the time being. Even the utterance of a single short word has to operate and restore these devices with speed and certainty."

With regard to the new station to be erected near Dundee, Colonel Purves stated that it would be connected with the London trunk exchange by lines carried wholly in underground cables, and provided with telephone repeater stations at intervals of about fifty miles. It was hoped that the station would be available before the more severe radio conditions of the summer season are experienced.

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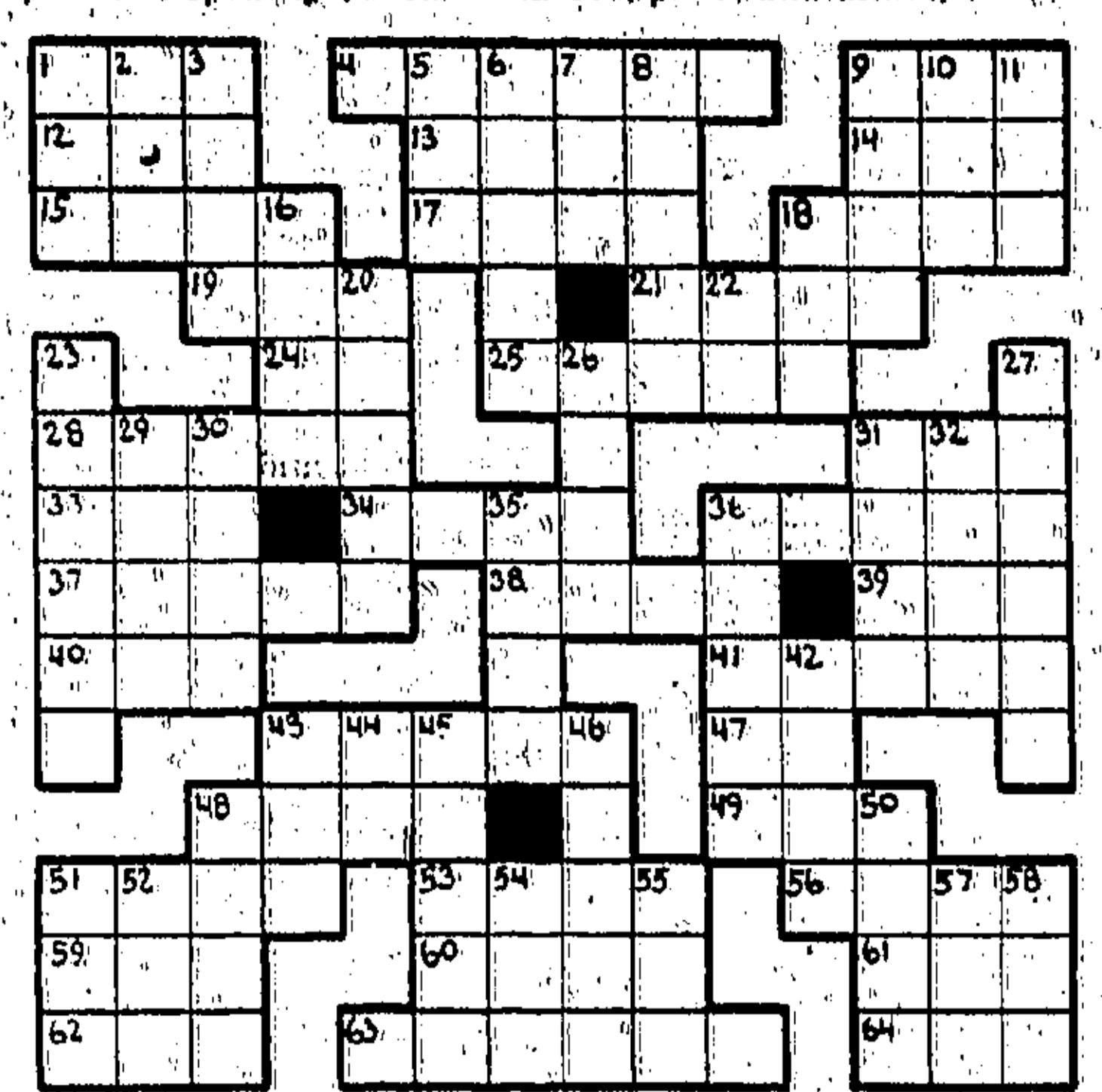
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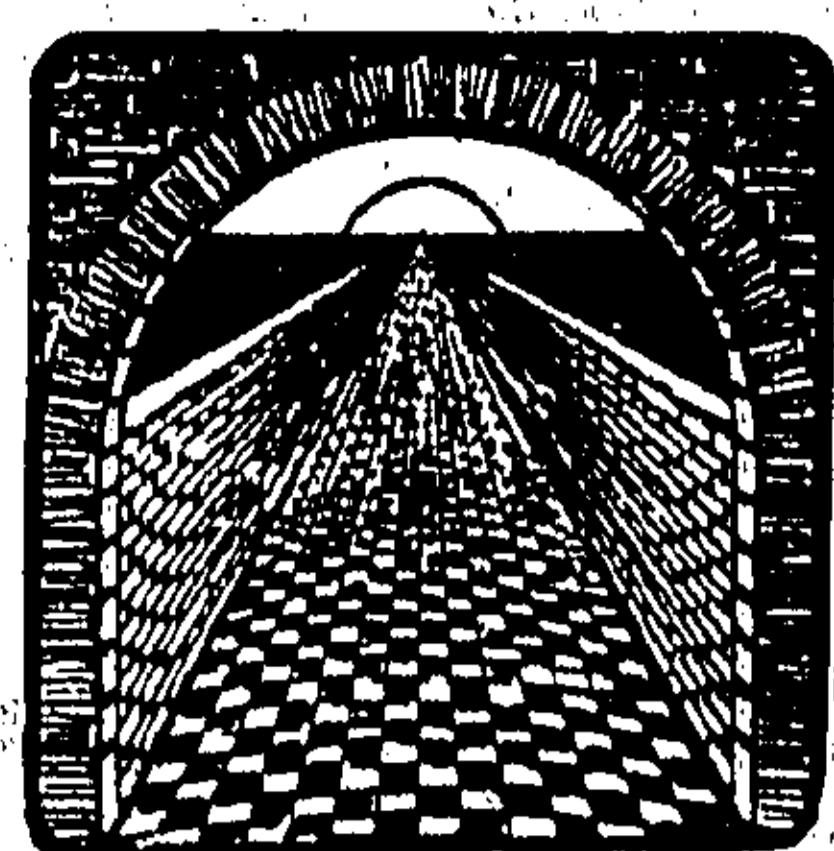
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## TWO DAY SIEGE.

A Story of Women's Heroism in Shanghai.

## CHILDREN'S PLIGHT.

## Five Hundred In A Long Drawn Peril.

A narrative, epic in its simplicity and courage, was related to a representative of the "North China Daily News" by the Mother Superior of the Institution of the Holy Family, 20 North Honan Road Extension, which was in the midst of the havoc caused by shelling and flames in Chapel throughout Monday and Tuesday. All the refugees, from the convent who have not returned to their homes are now living at St. Joseph's Institute in the French Concession.

The Holy Family Institution was filled with Chinese refugees at the time of the trouble, who had come from surrounding districts, besides the large number of children ranging in age from one to 20 years and the 41 sisters in charge of the school. Shelling started in deadly earnest on Monday afternoon, according to the Mother Superior of the convent. At that time there were 200 Chinese refugees inside the institution, 150 Chinese school children and 132 foreign children besides the sisters and a large number of servants. Some parents of the children who had managed to get there for the purpose of taking their children to safety were also marooned in the midst of the shelling and fires.

Shells began falling upon the roof of the school, the first one landing over the Enfant Jesus building, and the second attacking the roof of the little girls' school building beyond. Then the main buildings were attacked and the wreckage of roof and wall created terror in the minds of the hundreds who were praying for protection inside. Actually, however, no explosion took place from any of the shells so that no lives were lost.

A lurid night.

Three shells landed inside the chapel of the convent but they were spent and rolled out into the corridor. Two others fell from the walls into a group of the 200 refugees in the ground floor corridor. Not a single person was hurt, as there was no explosion. It soon became apparent that fire was being directed at the institution, as no sooner would someone from the convent appear in the street outside than renewed firing would result.

On Tuesday morning the same confusion existed after a night made lurid by sounds of guerrilla warfare and by the red glare of burning Chapel. The milkwoman, one of the faithful servants of the institution, came early in the morning and a letter was entrusted to her, to get assistance for the stricken institution. But the milk woman neither returned nor was heard from, and her fate was believed to have been like so many others during those two night-mare days.

An attempt was made at 2 p.m. on Tuesday to leave the school, and sisters began their work of collecting panic-stricken children and servants, along with a few refugees to make the trip. One sister volunteered to take a small group of the younger children, numbering among them many babies only a year old. An old woman who had been a faithful servant in the linen room of the convent wished to go with the party which started out only to be subjected to a rain of bullets from the neighbourhood. While the sister and children continued on their problematical escape, the old servant grew frightened and returned to the convent. Only a few yards had been traversed even at that time, but as she turned back a bullet hit her in the neck, and she fell alongside the wall of the school building. There she lay until a coolie from the convent attempted to rescue her. As he stooped to pick the old woman up, a shot caught him also and he crumpled up. Other attempts were made to bring the two wounded back, but each attempt ended without success and it soon became only too apparent that the two were dead, and that snipers were on a careful lookout for any person who appeared outside the convent. The sister with her small charges arrived safely inside the Settlement, however, and thence went to St. Joseph's institution in Rue Montauban.

The Change of Wind.

By this time the covered playground of the institution was in flames and the buildings which were joined together by the wooden framework of the shed in jeopardy. Several times during the day the sisters remarked that the wind changed, and the danger was averted for a time. This was providential as any attempt to put the fire out was met by a fusillade from the encompassing snipers who appeared to be focusing on the convent. The refugees inside, however, declared that the fire was less directed against the institution as such than an attempt to blow over the tops of the high buildings which were interlocking with a longer range into Chapel. The falling shells on the roof bore out this opinion also.

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## MR. O'MALLEY.

HIS FATHER A HONG KONG OFFICIAL.

## OLD ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

By this time everyone has heard of Mr. Owen St. Clair O'Malley, the "China Express and Telegraph" (London), says. The youthful features of the Counsellor of Legation from Peking who has just won his spurs in the British Diplomatic Service, are familiar to the newspaper readers of this country.

Much, however, as we have heard of Mr. O'Malley since his advent at Hankow, his personality is still somewhat of a mystery to many people. Even the pronunciation of his name is not always the same, for some talk of O'Malley, others pronounce it as split, and a very few, who like to be different, speak his name as if he were one of the inhabitants of rubber land.

Connection With Hong Kong.

The obscurity that surrounded Mr. O'Malley is chiefly due to the fact that the greater part of his official life has been spent as a clerk in the Foreign Office, where his knowledge of China and Chinese conditions has always been regarded as a valuable asset. Now only 40 years of age, he was made Counsellor of the Legation at Peking in 1923, and the successful conclusion of the Hankow negotiations means that he will probably be heard of a great deal more in the future. People in the East will be interested to know that Mr. O'Malley is the younger son of Sir Edward Loughlin O'Malley, who was Attorney-General for Hong Kong from 1879 to 1889 and Chief Justice of the Straits Settlements from 1889 to 1892. Indeed, his family, an Anglo-Irish one, is reputed to have had much to do with the Far East. When in England Mr. O'Malley lives quietly at Ockham, in Surrey.

## Disappointed Marauders.

Word from the institution said that following the departure of the convent authorities and dependants, Red soldiers swarmed through the ground floor of the place with the obvious intention of feasting throughout the night. As the food supply which had sufficed during the two day siege for all these inside the convent was beginning to run low at the end of that time, the soldiers found their fun somewhat impaired, and left before morning. The servant who remained and who brought the message to St. Joseph's declared that the institution was then filled with 300 homeless Chinese from adjoining districts. Two coolies who had remained to look after things at the convent had been killed by picking up an unexploded shell, but apart from these, it is not thought that any of the actual inhabitants of the convent have been injured.

All the religious vestments had to be left at the convent, although the sacred vessels were gathered up and carried to safety. At the first moment of quietness the sisters will return and clear up the debris of the institution, to open it up again.

## "WATCH" TOM MANN.

Telegrams from the Far East announce the arrival at Canton of a party of Communists from Moscow, one of them being a Frenchman, another an American, and a third our own revolutionary veteran, Tom Mann, who, since his association with the Russian Reds, has become notorious as the ruddiest Red among them. Known here as the "stormy petrel of industry," Tom Mann, now a septuagenarian, but still very active, has become chairman of the Red Nationalist minority movement, and at the moment is in the safest ground in the world for one of his ilk. He has been imprisoned and fined, has worked as a labourer, miner, and engineer, has kept a public house, observes the "China Express and Telegraph."

The similarity of features between two twin brothers led to the appearance in the Summary Court yesterday of the brother who was not the subject of the claim in question.

The brother in Court claimed that he had been served with the writ by a European bailiff. He, however, was not concerned in the claim of the plaintiff for \$1,000 in respect of a loan. The real defendant had been absent from the Colony for some months.

The bailiff stated that the man in Court, although like him, was not the man who had been pointed out to him by the plaintiff and on whom he had served the writ. The man on whom the writ had been served had a white beard. This man had not.

His Honour, Mr. P. Jacks, said he could not believe the story of the brother in Court. He thought the writ had probably been served on the real defendant, but it was a mystery how the other man came to be in possession of it.

After hearing proof of the loan, His Honour gave judgment for the plaintiff against the missing brother.

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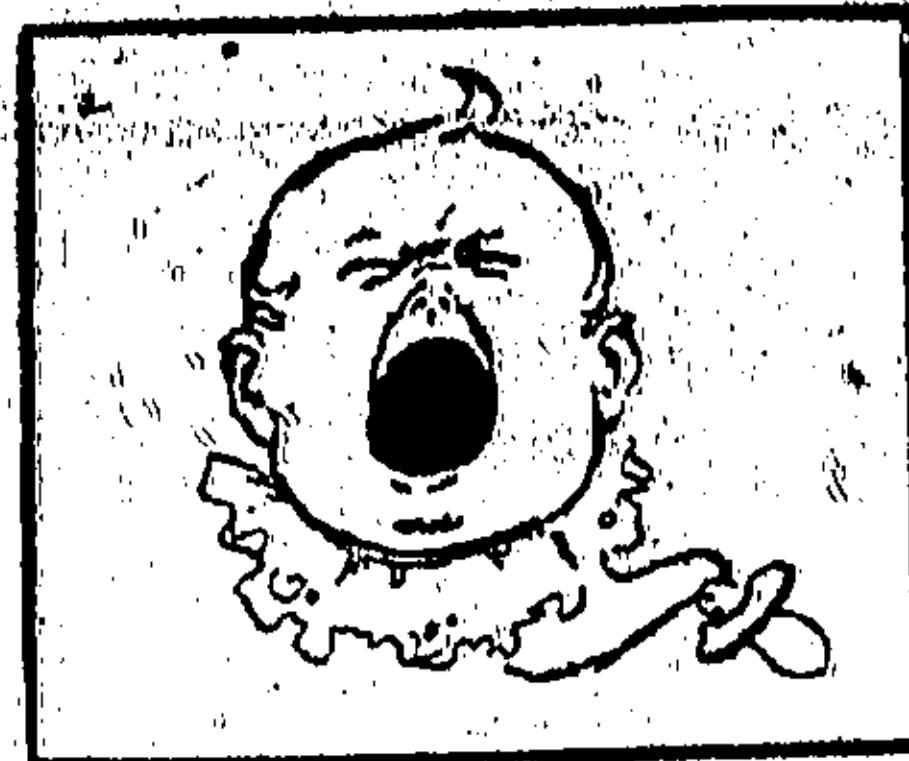
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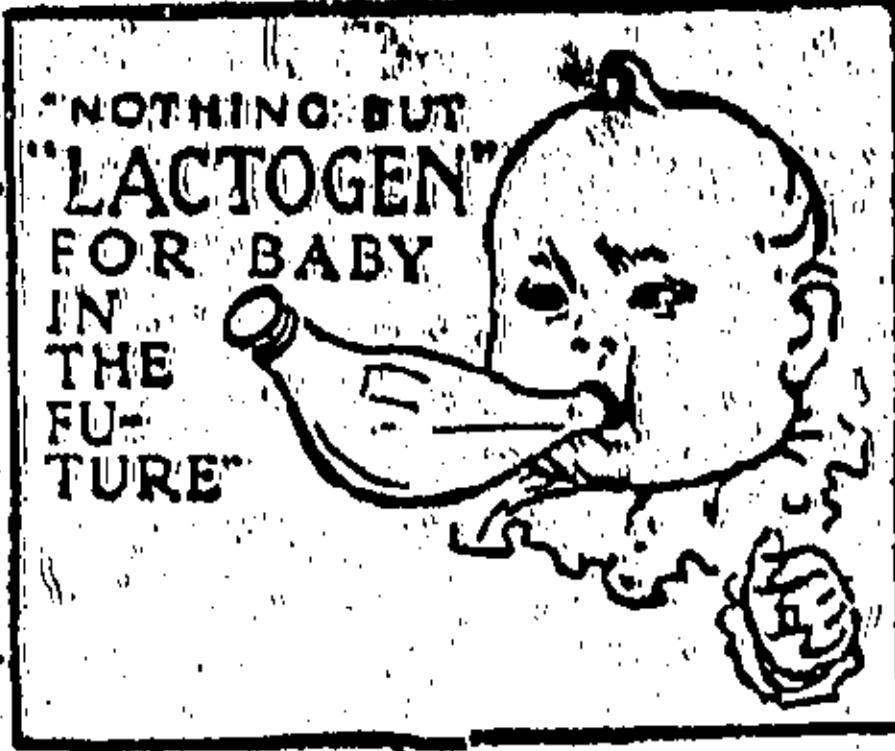


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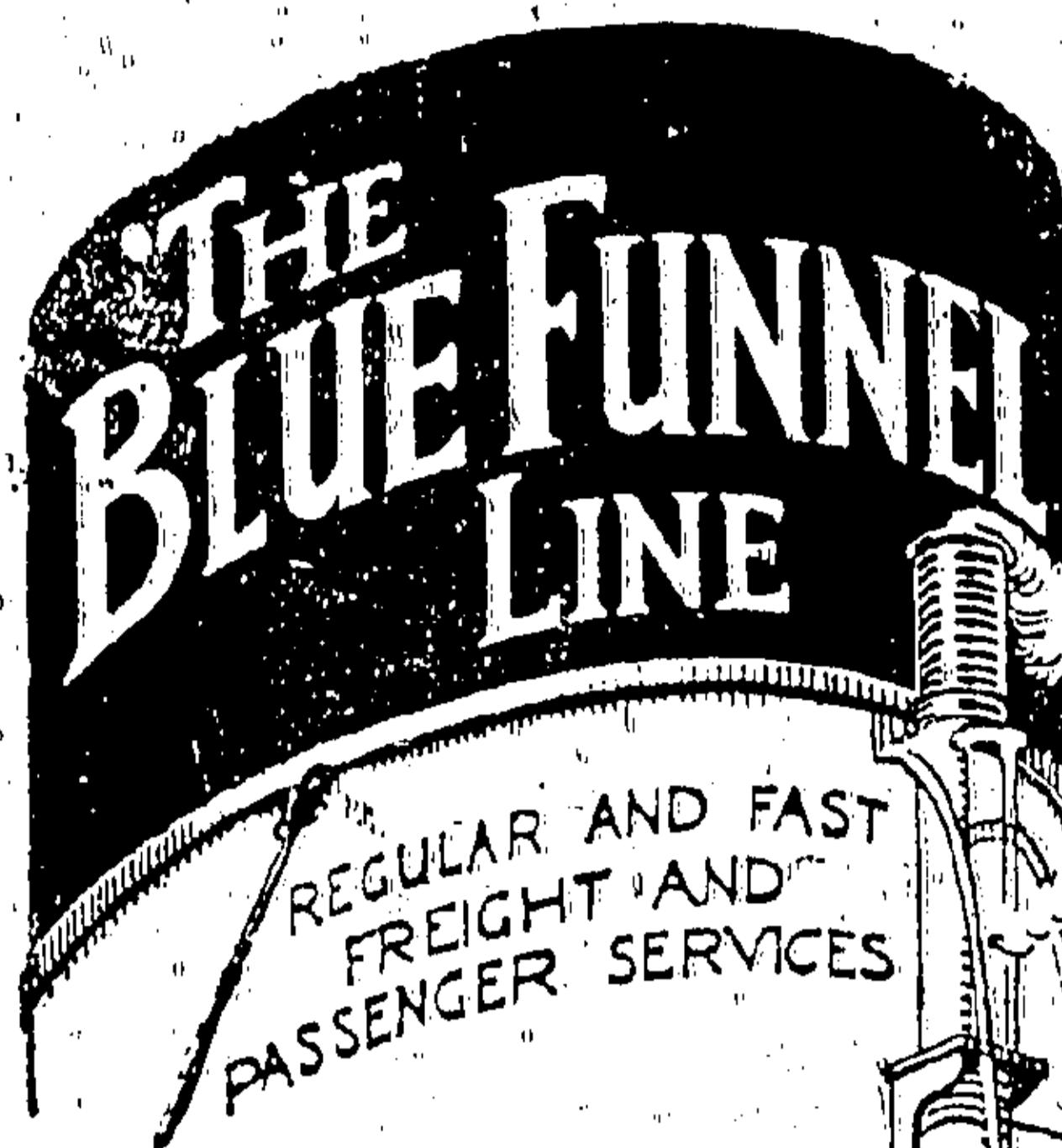
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WEDNESDAY, MARCH	30	
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Manila, Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America & Europe via Vancouver B.C.—due Vancouver B.C. 17th April. Parcels noon. Registration 2.15 p.m. Letters 3 p.m.	1.30 p.m.	
THURSDAY, MARCH	31	
Fort Bayard, Hoihow, Pakhoi & Haiphong	8.30 a.m.	Hanoi.
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow	Noon	Hal Ching.
Straits	2 p.m.	Van Houtz.
Shanghai & Japan	2.30 p.m.	Malwa.
FRIDAY, APRIL	1	
Swatow	8.20 a.m.	Shantung.
Batavia	10.30 a.m.	Tjialak.
Manila, Sandakan, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island 16th April. Parcels noon. Registration 1.45 p.m. Letters 2.30 p.m.	2 p.m.	St. Albans.
Shanghai & Japan	2 p.m.	Lahore.
SATURDAY, APRIL	2	
Formosa	5 p.m.	Macedonia.
Amoy	5 p.m.	Sut Seng.
SUNDAY, APRIL	3	
Formosa	6 p.m.	Antul.
Amoy	5 p.m.	

\*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

## GOING NORTH.

### STILL MORE TROOPS TO SAIL.

### ENCAMPMENT WORK HALTS?

The s.s. "Bellerophon" has arrived from Shanghai and is taking on stores alongside the wharf. If the loading is completed in time, the ship will leave this evening for Shanghai with the headquarters of the 13th Infantry Brigade.

Work in connection with the transfer of guns and supplies has been proceeding on the s.s. "Vasna" since yesterday evening and when it is completed, the 1st Green Howards, the 1st Brigade R.A. and the 4th Pack Brigade R.A. will embark for Shanghai.

The "Vasna" will sail to-morrow or Thursday.

It is rumoured that, owing to the departure of troops from Hong Kong, work on the encampment at Shamshui-poo (this was estimated to cost \$500,000 and includes the fitting of electricity and water mains, the construction of roads, etc., and the erection of hundreds of huts) will not be proceeded with further, but there is no confirmation of this.

The destroyer "Stirling" and the submarines L1 and L5 left Hong Kong yesterday under sealed orders.

The crews of all warships in the harbour have been ordered to stand by. It is stated that the "Titanic" and further submarines are to leave for the North on Friday.

### ARMY Y.M.C.A.

### Appointments to Shai Defence Force.

The following Service intelligence has arrived by mail from Home:

Mr. D. G. Lees, General Secretary of the Ipswich organisation, have been selected to leave for China immediately to provide home comforts and recreation for the troops at Shanghai.

The following appointments were made by the Admiralty on Feb. 28:—Commdr. E. J. Shelley, to "Durban"; Lieut. R. L. M. Edwards to "Titanic"; additional (Feb. 28); and to "Titanic" for command of a submarine (on arrival).

Shanghai has learnt by experience that it is unwise to be caught unprepared. The Settlement borders are, therefore, ringed by barbed wire entanglement. Gates or zig-zag entrances prevent the barricades from being rushed, but allow unrestricted traffic, both on foot and a-wheel, during normal times.

### Home Manoeuvres.

The Spanish cruiser "Elias de Lezo," which has been ordered to Shanghai, is a comparatively new ship, launched in 1922 and completed in 1925, a vessel of 4,725 metric tons, carrying six 6-in. guns, and a crew of 343 officers and men.

Reports that in view of the call on the Army for defensive purposes in China the Army manoeuvres this year will not take place are not accurate. There will be brigade and divisional manoeuvres as usual; moreover, there will be a combined attack and attempted landing by naval forces at Portsmouth, in which a good number of troops will be employed on land.

### Married Quarters.

It has been decided that soldiers on the married quarters roll forming part of the Shanghai Defence Force may, as a special case during the period of separation from their families, receive lodgings, fuel, and light allowances at the married rates, or the corresponding provision in kind, subject to the normal deduction of 1s. a day from marriage allowance. Where, however, families are allowed to remain in married quarters during the soldiers' absence, no lodging allowance will be payable, and the issue of fuel and light in kind may continue, no rent being payable, but 1s. a day being deducted from marriage allowance. Families of recognised married officers and of all other ranks may elect to proceed, at public expense, to their selected place of residence in Great Britain or Northern Ireland, or, if already in occupation of quarters, to remain in occupation thereof, provided the quarters are not required for occupation by an entitled officer or soldier at the station.

## PIRACY MENACE.

### SEARCHING AT SINGAPORE SUGGESTED.

### COLONIAL OFFICE REPLY.

London, March 28. In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. W. Foot Mitchell (Conservative), who suggested that all Chinese passengers embarking at Singapore for Far Eastern ports should be searched for arms and their baggage examined, Mr. L. M. S. Amery, Secretary for Colonies, pointed out that it was the practice to search Chinese passengers embarking at Singapore whenever information giving grounds for suspicion was received, but to search every ship would cause a great delay to commerce, and was opposed by the local shipping agents. He was not yet satisfied that the circumstances called for such a drastic measure.—Reuter.

## LAND FORCES.

### EFFORTS TO REDUCE THEM FAIL.

### DISAGREEMENT AT GENEVA.

London, March 28. The Preparatory Disarmament Committee discussed the limitation of land forces.

Mr. Sato (Japan) declared he was unable to agree to the British draft convention because it would be very difficult to change the present military system in Japan. M. de Brouckere (Belgium) advocated shortening the term of military service and reduction of military expenditure.

M. Paul Boncour (France) stressed the limitation of expenditure.

Mr. Gibson (America) said the United States had already reduced land forces. He favoured regional agreements.

Lord Cecil regretted that he was unable to persuade M. Paul Boncour M. de Brouckere and Mr. Sato to agree to the British view, but he would not persist in view of the necessity of unanimity.—Reuter.

### Lord Cecil Fails.

Rugby, March 28. Following speeches made by the French and Belgian delegates at to-day's meeting in Geneva of the Preparatory Commission for the Disarmament Conference, Lord Cecil said he recognised that his arguments had failed.

The French and Belgian delegates had maintained the position that it was impossible to limit the number of the annual contingent, and that the nations represented needed to train their whole manhood.

Lord Cecil, in reply, said he advocated limitation of the numbers and limitation of the period of service.

Some delegates adopted the view that it was impossible to limit the annual contingent, and that it was unthinkable that the system of ballot should be introduced. But he understood that in the system of conscription there was a standard by which certain numbers were rejected, and if it was desired to reduce the contingent, all that was necessary was to raise the qualifications.

We understand that before the war the German Government only recruited sixty per cent. of their annual contingent.

### Unanimity Essential.

According to the Belgian representative, States required the whole of their population for the defence of their country. If that were so, that was an end of the argument, and there was no point in discussing methods of limitation.

Lord Cecil concluded by saying he had done his best, and he recognised he had failed. He had no conviction in shaking the convictions of any of those who supported the opposite thesis.

The Committee could settle nothing except by unanimity. He could not impose his ideas on the rest, and it was evidently useless for him to persist in attempting to establish his point of view, though he still maintained it was right.—British Wireless Service.

## SET OF THE WIND.

### LIBERAL WINS LATEST BY-ELECTION.

### London, March 28.

The North Southwark by-election caused by Dr. L. Handen Guest, M.P., resigning from the Labour Party resulted as follows:—

E. A. Strauss (Liberal) ... 7,334  
G. Isaacs (Labour) .... 6,167

Dr. Handen Guest (Independent Constitutionalist) .... 3,215

—Reuter.

The poll for North Southwark in the general election resulted as follows:—Dr. L. Handen Guest (Labour) 8,115, E. A. Strauss (Liberal) 7,036; and J. G. Llewellyn (Conservative), 3,305.

There are 14,509 male and 11,388 female electors in North Southwark. Dr. Handen Guest resigned as a protest against Labour's policy as regards China.

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